

the originally-filed pages. Submitted herewith are now pending claims 24-45 which incorporate the amendments to the claims in the Annexes and eliminate improper multiple claim dependency.

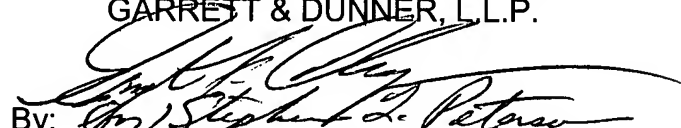
It is respectfully requested that the new claims be entered and considered by the Examiner.

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